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1. SUMMARY: IN INFORMAL DISCUSSION AT SECRETARIAT-LEVEL, SOVIET SCIENTIST HAVE SAID DECISION COULD BE MADE ONLY UPON RECEIPT OF INVITATION AND FURTHER DETAILS OF SCHEDULE AND PROGRAM. NOTE SENT TO MFA ASKING ITS HELP IN ALERTING INTERESTED ORGANIZATIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. BECAUSE OF SHORTNESS OF TIME REMAINING BEFORE THE CONFERENCE IS SCHEDULED TO OPEN, EMBASSY SENT NOTE TO MFA ON AUGUST 10 ALONG LINES OF REFTEL AND ASKED ITS ASSISTANCE IN ALERTING
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APPROPRIATE SOVIET AUTHORITIES. ON AUGUST 11 EMBASSY ALSO

INFORMED BORUNOV OF SOVIET SECRETARIAT OF US-USSR AGREEMENT ON HOUSING AND OTHER CONSTRUCTION AND CHER HENKO OF SOVIET SECRETARIAT OF US-USSR AGREEMENT ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OF ALASKA MEETING. IT WAS SUGGESTED TO BORUNOV THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF WORKING GROUP 10.05, BUILDING FOR EXTREME CLIMATES, OF THE HOUSING AGREEMENT, MIGHT WISH TO PARTICIPATE; BORUNOV REPLIED ONLY THAT MATTER WOULD BE DISCUSSED WITH SOVIET WORKING GROUP CO-CHAIRMAN ON RECEIPT OF FORMAL INVITATION. CHERCHENKO NOTED THAT CONFERENCE WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO PARTICIPANTS IN SEVERAL ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT WORKING GROUPS AND PROJECTS, BUT THAT DECISION COULD BE MADE ONLY UPON RECEIPT INVITATION AND FURTHER DETAILS ON SCHEDULE AND CONTENT OF PROGRAM.

3. IN VIEW SHORTNESS OF TIME IN WHICH TO MAKE DECISION AND COSTS INVOLVED, WE THINK SOVIET PARTICIPATION OR ATTENDANCE AT THE CONFERENCE IS UNLIKELY. IF DEPT WISHES US TO URGE SOVIETS TO COME WE WILL NEED FULL DETAILS ON CONFERENCE SOONEST. EVEN THEN CHANCES LOOK SLIM.
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